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Authority on life, times of Benjamin Franklin to speak

Staff Reports

H.W. Brands, best-selling author and professor of History at the University of Texas, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in Watkins Auditorium. He will speak on "Benjamin Franklin and the Birth of American Identity."

His appearance is sponsored by the Honors Programs, the Department

of History and Philosophy and the Vertical Immersion Project.

The lecture will end with a brief question-and-answer period. A reception will follow the lecture.

Brands is the author of 16 books and dozens of articles and is the associate editor of *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. His 2000 book, "The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin"

was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and a *New York Times* best seller.

"In January 2006, we celebrated the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, the quintessential Founding Father whose



Brands

Academic Speakers

wide breadth of interests covered the entire spectrum from business, communications and science to philosophy, politics and diplomacy," said Dr. Dan McDonough, coordinator of the series.

"We are pleased to host one of the nation's finest historians to explain how Franklin contributed to the birth of

a uniquely American identity and how he remains relevant today."

The Academic Speaker Series annually brings distinguished scholars, writers and performers to the UTM campus. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact McDonough at danmc@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.

SPECIAL REPORT

Your Day in Court



Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

The student court at UTM has not heard a case in six years, while other student judicial and disciplinary bodies at schools across Tennessee say they hear on average two to three cases per academic year.

Associate Dean of Students Dwayne Scott said that the student court at the University of Memphis hears cases involving traffic violations and other disciplinary cases. "The student has to choose that venue. In a given academic year there are usually from zero to two cases heard involving disciplinary cases other than traffic cases," Scott said.

Angi Smith, director of Student Judicial Affairs for the University of Tennessee, said that the UT student disciplinary board hears three to five cases a semester.

"They hear everything. They can hear all disciplinary infractions at the university, with the exception of academic dishonesty," Smith said.

The student court at UTM is appointed by the student body president and then approved by the Student Government Association. Chief Justice of the court, Erin Young, said that she has been told that students do not want to take their cases to the student court because repercussions, in the past, were

usually a lot worse when cases were handled by the court as opposed to Student Affairs.

Other students involved in hearing conduct matters agree with Young. One student disciplinary board member at the University of Tennessee, Jamie Wilson, said students tend to judge other students rather harshly. "If the person that comes before our board is not remorseful for what they have done, then their punishments tend to be pretty harsh," Wilson said.

When faced with deciding the fate of students who have been cited for serious violations, Wilson said the matter becomes a principle of looking out for the entire student body "We have to ask ourselves if this person is the kind of person we want walking next to us on campus or sitting in the classroom with us," Wilson said.

Dean Scott at the University of Memphis said he believes students rarely choose to go before a court of their peers out of fear. "Peer courts have a tendency to be harder on their peers as opposed to faculty and staff. Peers have a tendency to be harsher and to hold students accountable at a higher level because of their behavior," Scott said.

Young said that she is not

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The Pacer would like to speak to students who have gone through the student disciplinary system. Please contact us at 881-7780 or by e-mail at pacer@utm.edu. You may choose to remain anonymous. — Ed.

Did you know ...

The Student Court is composed of a Chief Justice and five Student Justices appointed by the Student Government President and approved by the Student Senate. Each case shall be decided by a minimum concurrence of three Justices.

The Justices shall be appointed for a term of one academic year. The Student

Court shall have jurisdiction to:

- Hear and decide all matters pertaining to the interpretation of the SGA constitution and all other laws or resolutions passed by the Student Senate. Its decisions on such matters shall be final.
- Hear and decide cases involving alleged student violations of disciplinary rules and regulations of the university. Its primary function involves cases of a residential subject matter. Its decisions may be appealed to the University Council. Any request for an appeal must be made in writing to the Division of Student Affairs within five days of the decision.

Source: Student Handbook

Scholarship Retention

Students struggle to keep HOPE lotto scholarships

Slipping GPAs to blame as UTM students forfeit nearly half of scholarships given

Heather Roland
Asst. News Editor

Since its creation in 2004, the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship program has provided several UTM students with means of financial aid; however, the number of UTM lottery scholarships has diminished since the beginning of the Fall 2005 semester.

The Tennessee lottery scholarship program has proven to be successful in less than two years, and many UTM students have received the benefits of its achievements.

University Relations Director Bud Grimes said that 894 students received the first UTM Tennessee Hope Lottery Scholarships in Fall 2004. However, when the first eligibility review was conducted before the Fall 2005 semester, 388 of those students lost their lottery scholarships.

"The main reason students lose their scholarships is the GPA requirement," said Student Financial Aid Director Sandra Neel.

The lottery GPA requirement of 2.75 is to be maintained after 24 hours are attempted; however, a 3.0 lottery GPA must be maintained after 48, 72, 96, or 120 hours are attempted.

Grimes also said other students lost their scholarships because they did not maintain continuous enrollment.

Students must obtain permission from the Office of Academic Records before dropping a class or obtain permission from the Division of Student Affairs before withdrawing from the university in order to maintain their lottery scholarships under non-continuous enrollment.

There are ways to regain your scholarship thanks to recent legislation. Students can do this by repeating a course and have the new grade counted for the lottery GPA; however, both credit hours will count when determining the number of hours attempted for the lottery scholarship. Students can also regain their lottery scholarships by raising their lottery GPA. It is important to remember, however, that these two options are one-time-only opportunities.

If students are interested in regaining their scholarship, they should contact the Financial Aid Office at 731-881-7040.

While opportunities exist to regain the lottery scholarship, students should not solely rely on them according to the Office of Financial Aid. Students need to be proactive and try to prevent themselves from losing the lottery scholarship at all, the officials said.

The next eligibility review will soon begin for the 919 current Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship recipients.

Need Help?

A few ways that students can prevent themselves from losing the lottery scholarship and do better in their pursuit for higher education in general are:

- Seek assistance through the Student Success Center located in 202 Clement Hall. The phone number is 731-881-1689.
- Find out if there is a study group you can attend.
- Seek assistance from your professors.
- Seek assistance from an upperclassman who has already taken the class.
- Contact the Counseling Center for test anxiety information. That office can be reached by phone at 731-881-7720, and is located in UC 213
- Meet with your academic adviser.
- Attend classes regularly.

SOURCE:
Student Success Center

UTM wins 'Green Star Award' for grounds

Staff Reports

The Physical Plant was one of the winners of the 2005 Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) Green Star Award.

The Physical Plant received an Honor Award for University and College Grounds. Six colleges received the award in recognition of outstanding grounds.

The award was presented during the PGMS annual awards ceremonies Nov. 5 in Orlando, Fla. The Green Star Awards program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence.

The program complements other national landscape award programs that recognize outstanding landscape design and construction.



UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

From left are Tim Nipp, physical plant director; Tommy Ray, grounds supervisor; Floyd Collins, building and grounds servicer; Mike Davis, projects and grounds coordinator; Terry Little, grounds supervisor; Kenneth Chappell, grounds foreman; and Ronnie Travis, Joe Estes and Gary Gallimore, building and grounds servicers.

Our View

Editorial: Vice chancellor post crucial to students

In the coming weeks, UTM will begin the next phase of the search for a new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The process is likely to include open forums for students to attend and hear what each of the nine candidates have to offer to improve students’ collegiate experience.

As the names and qualifications of the candidates has not been released to protect his or her current employment, we make these endorsements without a bias toward a particular person.

We support the candidate who sees all student organizations, not just a handful of sororities and fraternities, as an asset to our university. The “total collegiate experience” isn’t just a marketing ploy, but what we strive for.

We support the candidate who strongly believes in fairness and equality. This encompasses fairness within the division of Student Affairs and fairness to each individual student.

Recognizing diversity as our strength should be a high order.

We support the candidate who recognizes the importance of an editorially independent student press. Court cases and vindictive university administrators across our nation threaten the very fabric of the protections we’ve relied upon for decades.

We support the candidate who isn’t afraid to challenge the status quo. Traditions are only worth perpetuating if they are traditions of excellence. It is time to end the “sacred cow” syndrome when approaching tough problems.

Above all, we support the candidate who puts students first – before budgets, before politics and before his or her personal agenda.

We call on all students to have their voice heard on these and other issues as the open forums are scheduled.

We need a vice chancellor that we can all get behind to lead the Division of Student Affairs.

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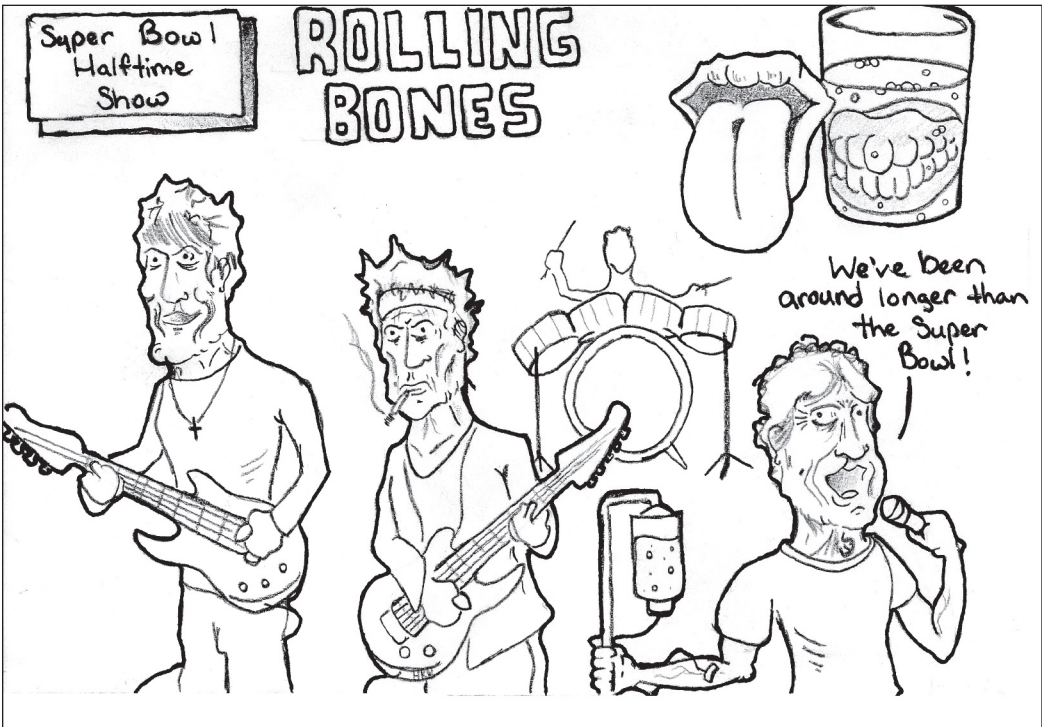
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Letters to the Editor

Chancellor thank students for their attendance

Thank you and congratulations on creating an exciting atmosphere in the Elam Center Thursday night. The Skyhawk victory over Tennessee Tech was one of the most exciting UTM games I've ever witnessed. The team played great and the cheering crowd was tremendous.

You cheered long and loudly while maintaining good sportsmanship. The ESPN announcers were very complimentary of your enthusiasm and spirit. I was really proud of you. Let's do it again Thursday night when we play Tennessee State (Feb. 9).

Dr. Nick Dunagan
Chancellor
Martin

Student support inspires team for a major victory

On behalf of our staff and student-athletes I want to express our appreciation to all the UTM students who attended our basketball games last Thursday night. Your enthusiasm and

good sportsmanship were observed by a national television audience, but more importantly, our Skyhawk men's team was inspired by your spirit and defeated one of the top teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

We realize that our teams must win to earn your support, but your support truly helps us win/

Last Thursday these two realities aligned in grand fashion, and we are looking forward to growing this tradition.

We have three important home basketball dates remaining (February 9, 11, and 18). Winning these games will enhance our position in the OVC post-season tournament, so we need your help to continue our momentum.

Phil Dane
Director of Athletics
Martin

Students can get involved and learn through politics

I am writing in response the article in The Pacer last week. I was shocked to learn how few people on this campus are involved

Chris Bell
Marketing
Martin

Wikipedia has much merit despite flaws

I was very disappointed at the stance that the professors and students took in your article on the Wikipedia. They seemed completely oblivious to the good points of the Wikipedia. Among them is the simple fact that it is and will remain for sometime, the largest encyclopedia ever created.

I agree that it is not a good source to cite for a research paper.

However, when doing research, it is an invaluable tool. Not only do the articles give a brief overview of a topic, most articles include many off-site links to the web pages where the



Brandon Baker
Guest
Columnist

information in the article came from.

To make the claim the information is not “rigorously reviewed” is absolutely preposterous. The information on the Wikipedia is reviewed far more than any other newspaper, magazine, or book that I know of.

Many articles are read by thousands of users each day. Whenever any of

them sees anything that is wrong, all that they have to do to correct it is click “edit” and fix the information. To think that everyone who uses the Wikipedia is only there to create misinformation and errors is an unfounded and overly cynical point of view.

On a side note, your “Did you know...” section referring to Akira Kurosawa, one of my favorite directors, contained multiple errors.

Ironically, all of these errors could have been avoided by referencing the Akira Kurosawa article on the Wikipedia. All of its information on his films is correct.

Classical languages may appeal to students



Jason Adkins
Guest
Columnist

Although UTM offers many academic possibilities, one glaring omission is a classical languages program. Occasionally, Dr. Norman Lillegard offers elementary Greek, but there are no other classical opportunities.

This lack damages the school's appeal to the upper-echelon of high school graduates. Many of these students receive a classically intense education, and they cannot continue their studies here or use their experience to fulfill their foreign language requirement like many French, German, and Spanish students do.

Adding a classical languages program would energize the academic environment at UTM. The College of Humanities and Fine Arts would be revitalized. Philosophy students could read the works of Plato, Aristotle, and Aquinas in their original language. English majors could further their world literature exposure by delving into Homer and Cicero.

Headline writers for The Pacer would no longer refer to a female UTM graduate as an alumnus, the Latin distinction for a male graduate, as they did on January 17, 2006, but rather an alumna.

Much could be said also for the professional value of a classical languages program. Latin is the language of law and medicine. Quick, think of a bone in your body that doesn't have a Latin etymology.

Finally, classical language students become remarkable proficient in English. The National Committee for Latin and Greek attributes three out of every five English words to Latin. The inflectional nature of Greek and Latin also demands an extensive knowledge of English grammar, and this demand improves the grammatical abilities of many classical students. Can you imagine the advantage a classical student would have on the GRE?

It is time UTM institute a classical languages program. Such a move would thrust the university into a place of prominence among area colleges.

The Pacer regrets the error in the headline. — Ed.

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Alternative education doesn't prepare children

I remember those days so well. Growing up and getting up early to get to school on time. Each day was filled with one class after another, and every hour was planned carefully from morning to late afternoon. Even time for fun was scheduled into the day.

I thought that once I grew up I'd be done with all of that, but here I am, doing the same thing, and this time by choice. I sometimes have thoughts that I must be masochistic with all of the tasks that I have scheduled into the day. I know for a fact that I'm suffering serious burnout. How wonderful it must be to wake up whenever you choose, do whatever you want all day, and go to bed when you please. And to top it off, not even have to worry about paying the bills.

Not just for the lucky few who marry money, this lifestyle also belongs to over 150,000 kids in this country who are "unschooled." This program is an extension of home-schooling, and mandates that parents allow their kids complete freedom to learn and explore whatever they choose, with the hope that the kids will get an education along the way. There aren't any mandatory books, weekly tests, or curriculum to follow. There aren't any grades or GPAs either.

When I first read about the idea, it sounded great. The very idea that you could choose to study whatever interested you and not have to worry about learning



Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

anything you didn't like is extremely appealing.

If I'd had the chance growing up I'd have spent my time learning music, art and writing. I would have continued in languages and become fluent in Greek and Spanish. And I would definitely have stayed in theater and dance. On the other hand, I'm the first to admit that had I been allowed to follow my own path completely, math and science would have had absolutely no place in my life. I still stay as far away

from them as I can, but I do recognize how important they are.

I love the idea of giving kids the freedom to follow their instincts and study things that interest them. To me, that kind of freedom only encourages the desire to learn. On the other hand, I wonder what will happen to these kids when they're faced with the real world of SATs, GPAs, college requirements and scheduled classes. Will they be able to cope or will they walk away out of frustration?

Maybe one day the educational system in this country will find a way to combine the best of both worlds for the betterment of future generations.

Valentine's Day is about love, not chocolate

Valentine's Day is only a week away for those of you who may have forgotten. Many people are making last-minute flower purchases or thinking of something sweet to write on a card.

I've always wondered why Valentine's Day, along with every other holiday, has become so commercialized.

I might be the only one, but I wish Valentine's Day were simpler. It seems like you always have to outdo the previous year, and apparently money is not an issue.



Elizabeth Watts
Viewpoints Editor

Valentine's Day is about showing someone how much you care, not about getting the biggest teddy bear. So what if someone only gave you a Hershey bar and a card? It's the thought that counts.

The reason why I'm writing this column is because I have overheard many people around campus saying,

"If my boyfriend/girlfriend doesn't get me something good ... " Please, do everyone a favor and grow up.

If your significant other throws a fit about how your gift was disappointing them, run far, far away. Obviously, a token of your affection isn't good enough, no matter the size or price.

Just remember-if your Valentine's isn't all you hoped it would be, at least your guy's or girl's heart was in the right place.

Also in case you have forgotten, it's only six weeks until Spring Break.

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sure whether the student court at UTM would be harsher than the Division of Student Affairs. "I'm a student and we are all going through the same thing here at school. We're on a ground level with students and may be able to see more easily if something is not fair," Young said.

However, because no cases have been recently heard, UTM has no recent precedent to show whether the court would be harsher than the Division of Student Affairs. Former Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Katie High told *The Pacer* that the student court at UTM never heard a case during her tenure from 2001 to last year. Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs David Belote said that the court has not held a case during his current tenure as interim or during his tenure as interim prior to High taking the position as vice chancellor, confirming that the student court has not heard a case in at least the past six years.

UTM Student Conduct Officer Vishenia Huery was contacted by *The Pacer*, but was unable to comment before press time.

Former Chief Justice Haley Simmons says that the reason that no cases come before the student court may have something to do with how the student court is explained to students. "She (Huery) says she tells students their options, but I don't know to what extent these options are explained to students," Simmons said.

Simmons added that during his time as a justice, the court placed table tents in the cafeteria and other advertisements around campus advertising that the students could take their cases to the student court. No cases came before the court despite the advertisements.

"When it comes down to it, it is up to the students to decide if they want us to hear their case or not," Young said. "We are trying to get information about the student court out to students. It would be refreshing to have a case."

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A Living Legacy: Munkel succeeds father as dining services manager

Staff Reports

Chris Munkel, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America-Hyde Park and an employee of Sodexho since 1997, recently was named manager of dining services, succeeding his father, Mike Munkel, who was the manager for 14 years. The elder Munkel died in October from complications associated with cancer.

“Chris is a very talented chef and in 2003, took third place in the National Culinary Cooking Challenge, sponsored by the National Association of College and University Food Services, (NACUFS),” said Rich Katzman, Sodexho district manager.

“I would like everyone to know that I am not here to



Mike Munkel

“fill my father’s shoes,” said Munkel. “UTM and the Martin community knew Mike Munkel for 14 years. I knew him my whole life. Knowing him that long, especially as your father, makes you realize you can never fill the shoes of a man that great. I will promise to always do my best to meet the expectations of the UTM students, faculty and staff while using my expertise to bring innovative

“I will use what my father has taught me to hopefully make a fraction of the impact Mike Munkel made on what I am now proud to call my home, Martin, Tenn.”

— Chris Munkel, director of Dining Services



Chris Munkel

ideas and keep UTM at the pinnacle of dining service programs.

Munkel said, “With that, I will use what my father has taught me to hopefully make a fraction of the impact Mike Munkel made on what I am now proud to call my home, Martin, Tenn.”

Chris’ father, Mike, was recognized for his community service work around West Tennessee. He received the 2003 Harold Love Community Service

Award, given by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. He also led efforts to fill Christmas stockings and Easter baskets for underprivileged children.

“Mike was a beloved figure at UTM,” said Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “He cared deeply about students and went out of his way to make students feel like the cafeteria was their home away from home.”

“He was a great man,”

Dunagan said.

Munkel, who also has served as a Sodexho-certified trainer, received his degree in culinary arts in 1993. He has served as executive chef at Arkansas State University, Georgia Tech University, Georgia State University, Carthage College and most recently, as a regional executive chef responsible for culinary development within the Sodexho Campus Services

Division.

UTM contracts with Sodexho Dining Services for its food service.

Prior to attending the Culinary Institute of America, Munkel worked for Sodexho in the 1980s as an hourly team member. Before returning to Sodexho in 1997, he worked at several four- and five-star restaurants, including La Vieille Maison in Boca Raton, Fla., Stonn Hill Inn in Hackensack, N. J., The Coach House in Lexington and the Regatta in Cotuit, Mass.

“Sometimes in life you are lucky enough to end up in a place that embraces you and gives you more love than you could ever give back. That place for me is Martin, Tenn. I am lucky to be part of this community.”

Student shuttle service proposal takes off

Students pitch in to clean up campus

Julie Langford
Staff Writer

A new shuttle bus service for UTM students was the topic of discussion Thursday night.

Lovita Graham, a senior political science and economics major from Houston, Tx., wants to help international students and others who have no means of transportation. “The primary focus is the international students, but it will be open to anyone,” Graham said.

The basic plan is to run a shuttle bus three days a week to places such as Wal-Mart and the grocery store so that students are able to get things they need. “The shuttle will go to any business in Martin or Union City,” explained Graham.

As far as where the shuttle bus comes from, Graham is looking into renting the university vans. Since she is a student worker, she is able to drive the vans as long as they are reserved in advance. “Drivers will be strictly on a voluntary basis. So far I’ve had an overwhelming response,” said Graham. If university vans are not available for the shuttle service, Graham will look into the Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency Rural Public Transportation, the public transportation program in Martin.

Graham’s shuttle bus program is in conjunction with the International Program and the Admissions Department. They have a small budget, but students will pay two or three dollars for gas, depending on how much they used shuttle, to keep the program “running.”

There will be time slots on the decided days in which the shuttle will run. Students will meet at the UC for pick-up.

So far, Saturday and Sunday have been chosen for two of the three days the shuttle will run. The third day will be decided upon at the next forum. Depending on how successful the program is over the next month or two, Graham eventually wants to go on trips to Jackson and Memphis.

“I am fully prepared to fund this program on my own,” said Graham. “I believe in helping people. I am not receiving any money, recognition or credit for doing this, I want to contribute to the campus.”

Graham said she approached Student Government Association leaders about the service, but the legislation has not acted on the shuttle service.

Dr. Dawood Sultan is serving as the faculty adviser for the project.

The next forum on the international student transportation service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in UC 229.

Ashley Hodges
Staff Writer

The words “work” and “weekend” are barely used in the same breath among most college students, but a select few takes time out Saturday mornings to help keep our campus looking beautiful.

As Andrea Johnson zips her jacket to fight off the icy winds that were blowing this past Saturday afternoon, she realizes there isn’t as much trash surrounding the UC patio as she expected.

“I’m glad there isn’t that much to pick up today with the weather being a bit on the cold side,” said the freshmen nursing major from Memphis.

Seven other participants were present Saturday gathering as much trash as they could before they all ended up in the same spot, since most of the debris was in one area. Despite the uncomfortable weather con-



ASHLEY HODGES / The Pacer
Members of the Saturday Morning Clean-up Crew pick up trash around the UC Saturday. The volunteer group meets every Saturday to help clean up the campus.

ditions the clean-up crew continued their work unaffected. The Saturday Morning Clean-up Crew meets at 12 noon on Saturdays in the UC to discuss the areas they will be cleaning that day. Lovita Graham, a senior economics major and president of the SMCC from Houston, Tx., said “one goal

I anticipate is to expand this organization out to the community.”

The SMCC has been cleaning the campus since they have cleaned areas such as the UC parking lot, the circle parking lot between McCord and El- lington, as well as the UC patio and surrounding ar-

eas. Students can earn two community service hours on a regular Saturday and up to four hours when in conjunction with community participation. Crystal Fifer, a senior Psychology major from Memphis said, “Being a part of the SMCC gives us a chance to gain community service hours as well as help keep our campus clean.”

The labors of the SMCC is greatly appreciated by administration as well, David Belote, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs said. “It’s always refreshing to see service minded students come together to make a difference, along with setting a good example, they are educating our community on the value and importance of a clean environment.”

There are about 30 students currently on record who have participated in the clean-up, and the project welcomes all students and community members to help.

UTM to benefit from budget hikes, grants

Heather Roland
Asst. News Editor

Thanks to Governor Bredesen’s proposed budget plan, as well as two grants from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, several big projects have been planned to benefit UTM.

The capital projects that are proposed in Bredesen’s budget include remodeling

and building an addition to the Fine Arts Building, upgrading the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the Business Administration Building and replacing UTM’s current communications tower.

In addition to the \$13.9 million renovation to the Fine Arts Building, the budget will also include \$800,000 to be distributed

to the replacement of the communications tower, which is estimated to be over 30 years old. The current tower serves WLJT-TV, WUTM radio station and hosts repeaters for campus police, physical plant operations and the Weakley County Municipal Electric System communications systems.

“It will be a more substantial structure,” said Faculty

Advisor for WUTM Richard Robinson.

Robinson continued by saying that the new tower would provide greater communications opportunities for UTM, and that it could potentially provide better coverage, depending on where UTM decides to put the new tower.

The College of Business and Public Affairs Building will also receive \$2.3 mil-

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Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

SABER meeting

The Sexual Assault Behavior Educational Resources club, the special-interest student organization for sexual assault prevention, will host its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in UC 229.

Talk Time

Sandy Brunner, student assistant at the English Writing Center, will lead discussions throughout the semester to help students practice conversational skills through the Writing Center. Topics include culture, entertainment, news and grammar. Talk Time is from 4 to 5 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in Humanities 209.

Black History films

The Office of Minority Affairs and the BSA are hosting two movies in honor of Black History Month. The films *Imitation of Life* (1959) will be shown at

7 p.m. today in the Duncan Ballroom, and *The Constant Gardener* will be shown at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Duncan Ballroom.

Campus interviews

Arigold Hybrids will hold on-campus interviews Thursday for summer interns and full-time sales representatives. Degrees can be in agriculture-related fields, biology, marketing or business. Tennessee State Parks is looking for seasonal interpretive rangers and will be holding interviews Feb. 15. Contact Employment Services in UC 215 for more information.

Mr. Greek 2006

“Men in the Movies” is the theme of this year’s Mr. Greek, sponsored by Chi Omega. Mr. Greek will be held at 7 p.m. today in Watkins Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance and

\$6 at the door. Proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Salsa Night

The Spanish Club will be holding their second Salsa Night from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the UC Ballroom. The event includes salsa instruction, Spanish food and a taste of Latin culture. All are welcome, and admission is \$1.

Midnight basketball

The Midnight Basketball Association meets at 10 p.m. every Friday night in the Elam Center. All are welcome.

JARS meeting

The Japanese Animation Research Society will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday in UC 229.

ASVAB administration

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be given at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb.

22 in the Gooch Auditorium. This free test provides information for deciding among civilian careers and military jobs a person could qualify for. Contact Career Services at 7720 for more information.

Grad school guidance

The Office of Counseling and Career Services has free copies of the *Graduate School Guide*, a comprehensive guide to professional and advanced degree programs in the United States and Canada. Copies are available in UC 213.

Pizza for criminal justice

The Criminal Justice Society will be having a pizza sale as part of its recruiting and new member events from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow on the Quad side of the Sociology Building. All majors are welcome.

SGA Senate

The Student Government Association will meet at 9 p.m.

Thursday in the UC Legislative Chambers. SGA’s meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday Forum

This week’s Wednesday Forum will address “Love or Disaster.” The forum meets from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Skyhawk Cafeteria.

Rodeo Boosters show

The UTM Rodeo Boosters Running and Roping Show will take place Friday and Saturday at the Ag Pavilion.

Phi Kappa Phi lecture

Muriel Thomlinson will be giving a lecture to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 in the Watkins Auditorium.

SAC movie

The SAC will present *Stealth* at no charge at 10 p.m. Friday in Watkins Auditorium.

SAACS goes German



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Staff Reports

The UTM Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society chapter is sponsoring a presentation by its former officer Emily C. Bethart about her experiences as an exchange student in Germany. It's scheduled for 7PM on Thursday, February 9 in Johnson EPS 317.

Bethart, a senior chemistry major, left in July 2005 as the first exchange student from the chemistry department to Technischen Universitat in Braunschweig, Germany for a 5-month exchange. She worked her "Praktikum" with Dr. Ullrich Engelhardt, the food chemist in the Lebensmittelchemie Institute, creating a standard definition for tea typing. She also enjoyed her German classes. Emily plans after graduation in May 2006 at UTM to return to Germany to work on her Masters degree in preparation for teaching chemistry and English at the Hochschule level in Germany.

Congress approves student loan cuts

Will York
News Editor

A massive effort is underway to cut the ballooning federal budget deficit, but a casualty of those budget cuts will be the traditionally-low student loan rates.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 216-214, Feb. 1, almost exclusively along party lines. The bill aims to decrease the federal debt by \$39 billion.

But included in budget cuts are federal student aid subsidies. \$12.7 billion will be cut from the subsidies for underprivileged college students.

The legislation already passed the Senate by a one-vote margin, with Vice

President Dick Cheney casting the tie-breaking vote in favor of the bill.

With the new legislation, students will also face an increase in student loan interest rates. The current interest rates for student loans will increase from 5.3 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1.

Democrats say the bill punishes college students and causes undue financial pressure for students as they try to find jobs, but Republicans counter that budget cuts come mostly in lender subsidies.

The bill is the first attempt by Congress in eight years at scaling back the growing budget deficit, which some economists say could top \$1.3 trillion by 2010. Critics of the legislation say the \$39 billion cuts are worthless since the government is pushing for \$70 billion tax cuts in President George W. Bush's budget proposal. Some also criticize the bill's scaling back of Medicare benefits.

Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn., voted against the cuts.

"I strongly believe we should cut wasteful government spending," Tanner said. "This budget bill, however, cuts programs impacting those who can least afford it. The federal government should encourage students to get post-secondary degrees, not make it more difficult."

However, Rep. Zach

Wamp, D-Tenn., who voted for the measure, said the bill actually trims down inefficiencies in the current loan structure.

Wamp said the Deficit Reduction Act eliminates loopholes that could mean higher rates for students, gives borrowers a choice between variable or fixed rate loans and increases loan limits. Wamp also pointed out that the bill allows for additional subsidies for students studying math, science or foreign languages.

President George W. Bush supports the Republican-backed bill and is expected to sign it into law.

Phi Sig plans renovation, reorganization

Staff Reports

The Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at UTM is undergoing a renaissance, both internally and externally.

Not only are there plans to renovate the existing fraternity house, located at 102 Hurt St., but the chapter brotherhood and membership are starting over as well.

Phi Sigma Kappa was the first social fraternity at UTM, obtaining its charter May 14, 1960.

Chancellor Nick Dunagan welcomed the group and offered his assistance to the association's plan to "re-start" the fraternity.

The local chapter will be governed by a newly

formed alumni association, which recently had its first meeting. The goal of the new administration is to instill traditions and ideals into the hearts and minds of the new generation of Phi Sigma Kappa brothers. The new initiates will be the life and future of the fraternity, living and sharing the cardinal principles of brotherhood, scholarship and character, fraternity leaders said.

The fraternity house is undergoing extensive renovations to the main floor and the upstairs living area. The famous "pit" will be repainted. The resident brothers and house guests will be protected from the threat of fire by a fully au-



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The Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity house, located at 102 Hurt St., along with the fraternity, is being restructured and will be governed by an alumni association.

tomatic sprinkler system and fire alarm system.

"This will be a huge responsibility; thus the enormous effort to hand pick the new associate members," said Mike Mitchell, alumni association president. "There is no such thing as a "cookie cutter" Phi Sig.

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lion to improve its HVAC system.

"With our increased enrollment, capital projects, such as the Fine Arts project, the HVAC upgrade and the tower replacement, will help us to better serve our students and the region," said UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

More than \$150,000 was awarded to the Improving Teacher Quality Program in its efforts to provide a professional development for classroom teachers to improve teaching and learning.

Two UTM staff members will be actively involved in

this program.

Dr. Cahit Erkal, Associate Professor of Physics, will be conducting a five-day "Actively-based Physics and Astronomy Summer Institute for Middle and Junior-High School Teachers: Year Four" workshop that will primarily focus on physics, astronomy and earth science. The program aims to provide a fun learning environment for science students by preparing teachers to provide an education that is filled with hands-on and technology based lessons. The Year Four workshop is also hoping to help teachers by establishing an

informal discussion group in which they can discuss ideas about different teaching methods. One of the workshop's biggest additions is the introduction of the research component, which will allow teachers to experience current research using signal analysis, physics and mathematics on electrocardiograms. Extensive work will also be done for Hispanic students who are learning English with the Technology Enhanced Curriculum for Hispanic (TECH) Students program.

Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

**4:10 p.m., Jan. 31
Browning Hall**
Report of a disturbance in a dorm room. The situation was over prior to the officers' arrival (Report on file).

**1:00 p.m., Feb. 1
Gooch Hall**
Employee reported the loss of a university key (Report on file).

**2:45 p.m., Feb. 1
Ellington Hall**
Subject reported being harassed by an ex-boyfriend (Investigation continues).

**6:08 p.m., Feb 2
Lot 4**
Hsin Lun Tsai was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident (General Sessions Court).

**8:17 p.m., Feb. 2
Lot 4**
Traffic accident involving two vehicles (Report on file).

**8:12 a.m., Feb. 3
Cooper Hall**
Report of the fire alarm sounding.

Officers and the fire department responded. It was determined to be a false alarm and the system was reset.

**7:55 p.m., Feb. 3
Elam Center**
Subject reported injury of his forehead while playing basketball. Subject refused treatment by EMS.

**10:24 p.m., Feb. 3
University Village**
Subject reported the theft of property from his patio (Investigation continues).

**11:35 p.m., Feb. 3
Martin Place**
Daniel E. Adkins was issued a citation for violation of drinking age law (General Sessions Court).

**Midnight, Feb. 4
Lot 12**
Subject reported damage to his motorcycle (Investigation continues).

**9:46 p.m., Feb. 5
University Courts**
Subject got his vehicle stuck in the grass (Report on file).

Corrections:

- In last week's story, "No hurricane money coming for UTM," due to incorrect information from UT Knoxville, *The Pacer* reported an incorrect amount reimbursed to the Knoxville campus for Katrina students. For the 111 students it admitted, there are expenses of \$463,000. The federal government has stated the only portion that is reimbursable by FEMA is \$7,302.
- In last week's report, "Professors urge caution when using online encyclopedia," Robert McHenry, who was cited as a source in the report, is the former editor for the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

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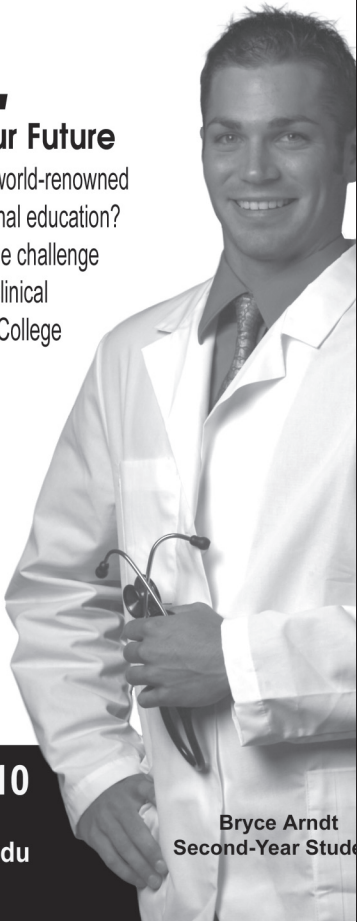
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Audience experiences an 'Identity Crisis' at Montage Concert

Sara McIntosh
Staff Writer

After a brief introduction, the lights grew dim, eventually fading to complete darkness in the Harriet Fulton Theatre as spectators waited for the annual Montage Concert to begin.

With gospel songs, operatic arias, calypso-feeling clarinet solos, tribal percussion pieces, pep rally music and other various works, the music department presented the audience a various array of music to be enjoyed.

A trumpet trio began the evening and played with the audience shrouded in complete darkness. Once their number was finished, lights came on and to the surprise of many people, the University Singers appeared on the left and the right of the theater singing "Shenandoah." Once the last note was sung, the eyes were ushered to the piano at the front of the stage. With two pianists, "March Militaire" was played by the Piano Ensemble. The Wind Ensemble ap-

peared from behind the black curtains to entertain the audience with *Second Suite in F*, "Movement IV." In what seemed like a brief lapse in time, Dr. Amy Yeung was singing "So anch 'io la virtu magica" before the audience could grasp the mood of the piece played by the Wind Ensemble. Yeung gave an operatic performance with qualities genuine to the craft.

After the singing was done, the Flute Choir presented "Rose Cottage," from *A Gaelic Offering* for the audience to enjoy. Seven flutes were enchanting and mesmerized the audience with beautiful notes. The Brass Quintet in the center of the stage played a piece called "Roaring Twenties" that just needed a flapper dancing to make it complete.

The New Pacer Singers changed the mood of the audience by singing "My Spirit Sang All Day." Again, the singers were at the top right of the theater, which allowed the audience to feel connected to the voices singing.

"Legend," played by Dr. Kurt Gorman on trumpet along with his accompanist Delana Easley on the piano, grabbed the attention of everyone.

In a different aspect of music, the Percussion Chamber Ensemble beat on a box, played the guitar and had an extensive xylophone part in their "Misioneira". With Julie Hill beating on the box as well as playing with the maracas and tambourine, a song reminiscent of a Mexican fiesta mingled through the airways of the seats.

Something familiar to any Skyhawk fan, the UTM Pep Band came running down the stairs to the center of the stage to play the UTM Fight Song. After the fight song, they began to play "25 or 6 to 4" that was filled with brass and loud drum beats.



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Professor Kurt Gorman plays "Legend" at the annual Montage Concert.

The Saxophone Quartet was next and played "Chicago." The lively mood changed into a more serene, nostalgic feeling.

Dr. Amy Parks Simmons gave a calypso-feeling clarinet solo with some percussion accompaniment from Julie Hill. "Choro #9", complete with upbeat and lively notes, was worthy of Simmons dancing to while she played.

Following Simmons was the Wind Ensemble with "Joy". With the eager and happy tones similar to a spring day, the wind ensemble concluded their performance on a positive note.

For their last piece, the New Pacer Singers sang "Mary Hynes," from *Reincarnations*, which had an eerie, surreal quality. This was a great lead up to "Identity Crisis" by the Percussion Ensemble.

With kitchen pots, slap sticks, performers gargling with liquid and bird whistles, this was the performance that clinched the attention of many audience

members. As if the aforementioned items weren't enough, selected percussionists would let out a tribal-like call to heighten the feeling of the performance itself.

Many people left saying that "Identity Crisis" was their favorite of the evening. Kat Indingaro, a senior Biology major, said that it was an unexpected surprise and that it made it worth while.

Soloist Rosalyn Lake sang "Art is Calling for Me," from *The Enchantress* with the accompaniment by Delana Easley on the piano.

Complete with a good gospel feel as well as hand clapping, the University Singers gave a lively rendition of "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" under the conduction of Dr. Mark Simmons.

To conclude the evening, the Jazz Band presented "Lullaby of Birdland." The lights came back on, the music stopped and the audience clapped vigorously for the "montage" they just received from the talented performers.

Angels, lovers, attempted murder: *Durang/Durang* has plot for all

Ekaterina Marchenko
Staff Writer

On February 23-26 four short plays by contemporary playwright Christopher Durang will be presented in the Harriet Fulton Auditorium in the Vanguard Theatre's production of *Durang/Durang*.

The four comedies, "Mrs. Sorken", "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls", "Medea" and "Beyond Therapy", will range in their duration from a few minutes to one hour.

"Mrs. Sorken" will serve as an opening one-person introduction played by Melanie Hollis, an adjunct professor in the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts. In an unprepared, disorganized manner, she will attempt to inform the audience about some of the history of the theatre.

In addition, Ms. Hollis will serve as a director of

the second play, "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls", which parodies the Tennessee Williams play *The Glass Menagerie*.

One example of the small changes is Amanda, played by Kim Gibson, a senior from Fayetteville. She is looking for a feminine suit or for her son Lawrence, played by Ron Peckham.

Adrien Eubank, a senior from Crossville, is Lawrence's caller, and Eric Danz, a senior from Martin, is Amanda's son.

Following the first act of a play will be another; Durang's parody of "Medea", co-written with Wendy Wasserstein. In this tragedy turned comedy, Medea, played by Natalie Horbelt, a freshman from Memphis, learns about her husband Jason's, played by Dusty Stringer, a sophomore from Martin, will to attempt to seek bloody revenge. Unlike the original version of

the play where she succeeds in killing her husband's family, including his uncle, his lover and even her own children, the angel, played by Stephanie Dowell, a senior from Nashville, will "bring the story to the happy ending."

"This play is opening my eyes to new experiences," says Horbelt. "It's making me fall in love with acting and I'm learning a lot about myself."

Finally, a lengthy wrap up to the remaining hour of the evening, will be "Beyond Therapy." The satirical drama presents complex relationship problem that need to be treated by therapy. Ironically, the fruitless attempt in healing their lives results in a tangle of more complications and secret lovers are revealed.

The play's main characters, Prudence and Bruce, are played by Jennifer Baumgardner, a senior from McKenzie, and Will Cook, a senior from Martin. The therapists will be played by Allyson Truly, a junior from Memphis, and Anderson Nichols. Bob, Bruce's male lover will be played by Brandon Douglas, a freshman from Jackson. Tony Liberty, a sophomore from Millington, plays a waiter named Andrew. Ken Zimmerman is the director.

Plays will be performed at 8:00 Thursday through Saturday and at 3:00 on Sunday. The box office will open at noon from Feb. 20 and close daily at 5:00. Tickets for students are \$5 and \$10 for adults. For phone reservations call 881-7090.

History Club meets the "Wild Bunch"

Yoshiki Fujita
Staff Writer

The UTM History Club and Department of History and Philosophy Chair David Coffey presented *The Wild Bunch* at 7 p.m. Thursday in the UTM Library Media Center.

"This is an iconic American film," said Dr. Coffey. He explained that the movie was released in 1969 and at that time, was scandalous and controversial.

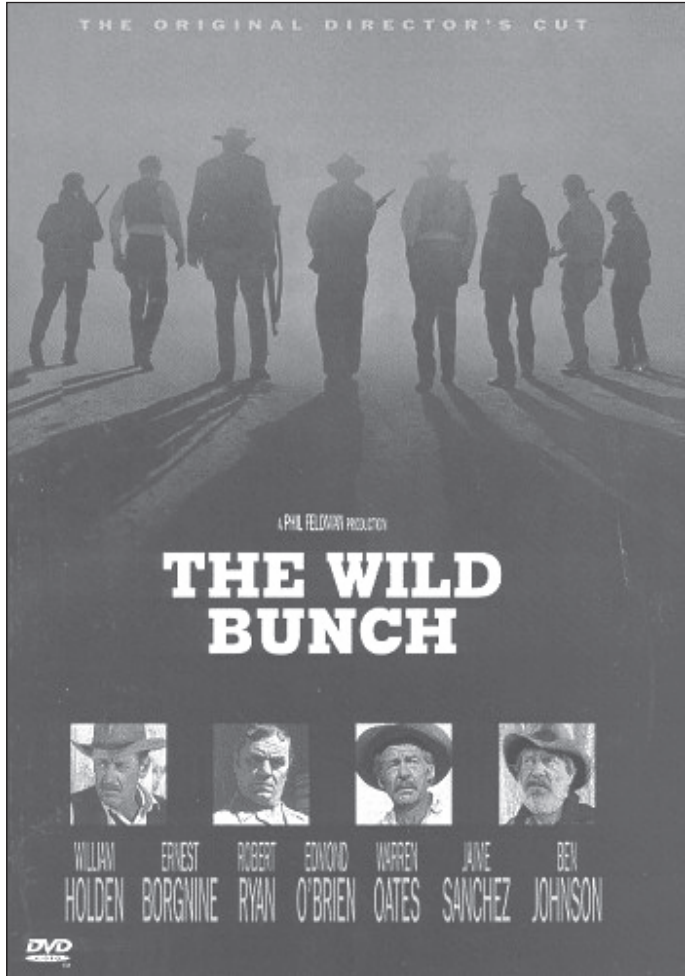
Dr. Coffey said that the movie contains lots of violence and the use of slow motion photography emphasizes the action sequences. He said that the movie revolutionized the way to approach violence. Dr. Coffey called it a transition film.

"This film symbolizes a lot of things," said Dr. Coffey. He said that it symbolizes the end of the old West, violence towards women, cultural ignorance, the way U.S. citizens see Mexico and the corruption of Mexican revolution.

The movie takes place in 1913 during the Mexican Revolution which was a violent social and cultural movement. The Wild Bunch, led by Pike Bishop, played by William Holden, breaks into a bank in Texas.

However, this robbery turns out to be a set-up plotted by Deke Thornton, played by Robert Ryan, a former member of the Bunch. Deke's companions aim at the Bunch from a roof across the street. A vicious shootout occurs between the Bunch and Deke's companions.

Only six members of the Bunch manage to escape and run away to Mexico. The Bunch visits General



Mapache, played by Emilio Fernandez, to trade their horses and make a deal with Mapache to steal a U.S. arms shipment for money.

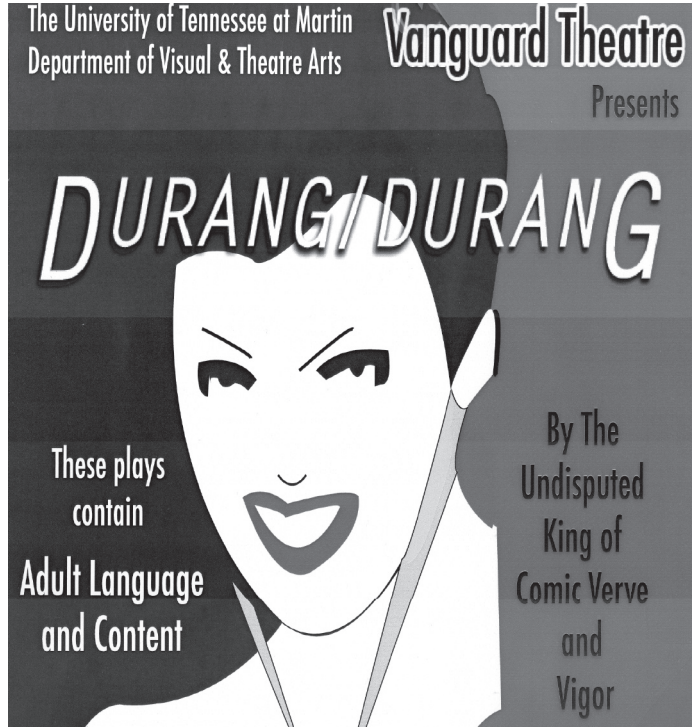
The Bunch holds up the train with the U.S. arms shipment. The Bunch goes back to Mexico and Deke pursues the Bunch. The Bunch finds out Angel, played by Jaime Sanchez, a member of the Bunch, was captured by Mapache. It was discovered that Angel was obsessed with getting his vengeance on Mapache for the murder of Angel's father. The Bunch demands Angel to be returned, but Mapache refuses it.

Finally Mapache cuts Angel's throat. Mapache subsequently is shot down by Pike. A bloody gunfight

begins between the Bunch and Mapache's companies. The Bunch fights with the U.S. arms weapons that they stole. However, the Bunch can not handle the overwhelming number of foes and is defeated.

Even though the movie was hard to understand because of my lack of knowledge of the history, Dr. Coffey's explanation and humor during the movie kept me focused.

The History Club is open to any student who is interested in history, regardless of their major. The next meeting is at 12:15 on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in room 211 in the Humanities Building.



Demi Moore learns to believe in the beyond in "Half Light"

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Do you believe in ghosts?

Rachel Carlson (Demi Moore) is a renowned author of mystery novels. She is happy. She has a wonderful son named Thomas, a husband, Brian, who is trying to break into the writing business himself, and is getting a record four million pounds for her books.

But all that changes one day when Thomas, going out to play, accidentally drowns. Now, distraught but still trying to finish her novel, Rachel is convinced by her best friend to move out to a remote Scottish village called Ingonish Cove.

It doesn't take long for Rachel to fit in. She becomes friends with the villagers,

who point her in the direction of the lighthouse that sits on an island across from the village. While there to research the lighthouse for her book, she meets the charming and handsome Angus McCulloch (Hans Matheson), the lighthouse keeper. It doesn't take long for the two of them to begin developing a relationship.

Just as things are going well, Rachel's world is shattered yet again. After Angus doesn't show up at a party that he had promised Rachel he would meet her at, she begins to ask the villagers if they know where he might be. When they give her odd looks, she asks again if anyone knows Angus McCulloch. Yes, they answer. We knew him once, but he's been dead for years.

Rachel doesn't believe this. After all, how

is it that she's been talking to a dead man for the last month? But the villagers keep telling her that it is true. Angus committed suicide after finding his wife with another man. Finally, they point her to the village cemetery, where she finds the graves of both Angus and his wife, Kate.

Not too long afterwards, Rachel begins to receive messages from her dead son through a doll-maker who has psychic abilities. No longer knowing if she's sane or not, Rachel is suddenly thrust into a world of murder and mystery, where nothing is at it seems.

You may find yourself wondering why you've never heard the name of this movie. That's because it was never released in theatres, but has just recently come to video.

Whether you're looking for a good



Rachel (Demi Moore) and Angus (Hans Matheson) gaze at the view from the top of the lighthouse.

ghost movie to frighten you or a romance to snuggle up with, this movie definitely won't disappoint.

Simpson signs 14 players for Skyhawk football's 2006 campaign

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

After what has been a somewhat tumultuous and uncertain off-season so far, the Skyhawk football team finally gained a sense of permanency on Wednesday afternoon when the final additions were announced to both the team and the coaching staff.

For the 2006 season, the Skyhawks have signed 14 players from four different states: six from Tenn., five from Ala., two from Miss. and one from Ga. The 2006 class is split evenly on both sides of the ball, with seven on each offense and defense.

"I'm really excited about this group of young men," Simpson said. "It's a relatively small class, but there's a lot of quality in this class. There are a couple kids that we expect to come in here and play. We've got a lot of seniors coming back, so really only a couple will play and that's good.

"There's a lot of great character in this group. We did our research. We know what we're getting and that's important," Simpson said.

Coming from Tenn., are Aaron Carney, Courtney Grimes, Gerald Guffin, Markei Guy, Jordan Pritchett and Josh Ware.

Carney, a linebacker who was also heavily recruited by Tenn. State, prepped at Haywood County High School in Brownsville where he earned all-conference defensive and offensive honors for the Tomcats. "He is very physical

and will get much bigger," said Simpson. "He'll give us more athleticism at line-backer and we might move him out to defensive end."

Grimes, one of the best players signed according to Simpson, will come in at the free safety position. "[Grimes] gives us length in his arms and body. He had offers from two other OVC schools but told them no because he felt that UTM was the best fit academically," Simpson said. Grimes earned all-city and all-region honors while at Maplewood High School in Nashville.

Guffin, a future graduate of Bolton High School in Bartlett, comes to UTM to play at the running back position. He was named Bolton's MVP and to the *Commercial Appeal's* Best of the Prep's team along with earning all-region honors. "Guffin runs hard and gives us lot a of depth at the tailback position, but hopefully he won't have to come in and play next year," Simpson said.

A familiar face to the West Tenn. area will join the Skyhawks at wide receiver in 2006. Markei Guy, from Westview High School, was named the 2005 All-Region Player of the Year, earned the ESPN Radio Player of the Week recognition and was a finalist for the Tennessee Class 2A Mr. Football Award.

"[Guy] has a great personality and outstanding character," Simpson said. "He's very fast. He'll give us a little wiggle and a little shake over at that slot position.

Pritchett will come to the Skyhawks to help out at the cornerback position from Franklin High School in Franklin. There he was named the Rebels Most Valuable Defensive Back, earned all-region and all-county honors, and helped the team reach the 5A state championship game.

"Pritchett is very impressive in terms of his foot quickness. Hopefully he'll come in here and learn the system, get bigger and stronger and help us out down the road.

Rounding out the six from Tenn., is Josh Ware from Chattanooga. He earned the Baylor School's Iron Man Award and was named to the All-Tennessee Team.

The 6-foot, 185 pound free safety will be looked to provide depth at that position since the Skyhawks lost senior Chad McMahan.

From Ala., the Skyhawks pick up Brandon Cooper, Nick Duff, Joe Gibbs, Dontrell Miller and Trevor Smith.

Cooper comes from Buckhorn High School in New Market, where he earned all-region and all-metro honors as well as helped lead the Bucks to the Class 5A state championship game, as a defensive end.

"He has great athleticism and long arms," Simpson said. "He puts his face in the block and runs through them."

Also from Buckhorn High is Nick Duff, a full-back/longsnapper, who was named to the All-Alabama First team, selected to the All-Metro team and was named All-Metro Defensive Player of the Year.

"He gives us the versatility at that position we need; he's very physical and is the most intense guy that we recruited," Simpson said. "He loves contact and he loves to play football."

Gibbs is a 6-foot-5-inch, 258 pound tight end from Brilliant High School, who earned all-county and all-conference honors.

"We don't have a lot of guys on our team that look like that," Simpson said. "He's a big, strong guy who'll we start out at tight end but we may end up moving him to defensive end."

Miller joins the UTM squad with an impressive

resume from Demopolis High School in Demopolis.

While playing for the Tigers, Miller earned All-Alabama honors two consecutive seasons, was selected to the Super 11 team by the *Tuscaloosa News* and was named to the All-West Alabama team three consecutive seasons.

Miller also played in the North-South All-Star game, served as team captain, helped the team win the Class 4A state championships in 2004 and advance to the playoffs in 2005.

"Miller will be very quick in that free safety position. Hopefully he'll be able to come in here and compete and work on returns," Simpson said.

Smith is the lone offensive lineman signed for the 2006 season. Coming from Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Smith served as team captain for the Aggies, was named All-Alabama honorable mention, played in the North-South All-Star game, was named to all-county and all area-teams and helped win the 2004 area championship and advance to the state playoffs.

"Smith is probably athletic enough to play as a defensive lineman, but we've got depth there this year. This is a guy we can hopefully red shirt and use down the road," Simpson said.

The two new Skyhawks from Miss. are Marcus Arrington and Jabary Gipson.

Arrington, one of two junior college transfers, comes from East Central community College and is originally from Heidelberg.

"He does a very good job

at playing corner," Simpson said. "We expect him to come in and give us some immediate help at that position. He's a guy that can block out half the field and has the ability to change the direction of the football."

The other ju-co signee comes from Hinds Community College.

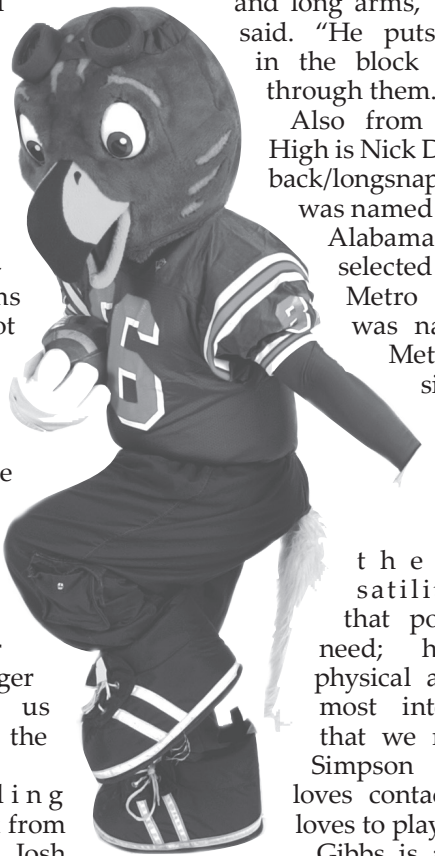
Jabary Gipson, a wide receiver originally from Ridgeland, had 70 catches in two seasons at Hinds and prepped at Murrah High School where he was named first team All-Mississippi.

"We needed some more playmakers and this guy can return punts and will give us a bigger body at receiver," Simpson said. "We need someone to give Donald Chapman some help."

Rounding out the signees is T.J. Hamilton, a running back from Gordon Central High School in Calhoun, Ga. Hamilton was elected to play in the Georgia-Tennessee All-Star Game, named to the *Chattanooga Times-Free Press* All-Area first team, earned all-region honors in both his junior and senior year, and set the Tigers' career yardage record with 3,550 yards.

"T.J. is probably the most heralded recruit that we've got. He will come in and help us immediately. He's small, but strong enough to run through tackles and really fits the Donald Chapman mold," Simpson said.

The 2006 season kicks off in 206 days with the season opener scheduled for Sept. 2 against Ohio University.



Jared Newson has been named Skyhawk of the Week.

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and knocked down big shots to put the game away.

The Skyhawks' 9-of-12 performance from the free throw line in the second half played a major role in preserving the win.

"We still need to finish out a game better. We gave up a few easy baskets in the final two minutes. I'd like for 78 to be closer to 68," Campbell said.

The Skyhawks found their rhythm on offense by attacking the basket. This trend gave them high-percentage opportunities helped them have an advantage in free throw attempts in the game. Their stellar shooting performance included only 12 three-point attempts.

McKale Jones made six of his seven field goal attempts, while Newson and Kelly


both shot well over 50 percent. Ferrell was a perfect 3-for-3 including his buzzer-beater.

Defensively, the Skyhawks kept the Golden Eagles off the free throw line in the first half. The Golden Eagles' first free throw attempt came with 15:56 remaining in the game. The win improved the Skyhawks' record to 9-12 overall and 6-9 in the OVC.

With the win over the third-place Golden Eagles, the Skyhawks continued their success against the top tier of the OVC.

"We beat the fourth-place team Monday and we beat the third-place team tonight, and I think it's encouraging that we beat two good teams here at our place," Campbell said.

Thanks for being the sixth man!



Let's do it again.

Thursday, Feb. 9:
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Men make most of TV debut, pull off upset over Tech



SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior Jared Newson goes up for a big dunk during Thursday's televised victory over Tennessee Tech.

Brad Hurt
Assistant Sports Editor

On Thursday night, with a crowd of over 4,000 packing the Elam Center and many more watching the national broadcast on ESPN, the Skyhawk men stole the spotlight, defeating Tennessee Tech, 88-78, led by 49 points from the high-scoring tandem of Jared Newson and Jeremy Kelly.

Newson made 11 of his 17 field goal attempts in the game as part of a hot shooting performance by the Skyhawks. As a team, the Skyhawks shot 56 percent for the game and shot well over 50 percent in each half.

"It's important to make shots. That was the key again tonight. We shot 56 percent and got to the free throw line," said Skyhawk head coach Bret Campbell.

The unofficial "sixth man" was the crowd, which gave its whole-hearted support to the Skyhawks from the opening tip to the final buzzer. The team was inspired by the enthusiasm displayed by the many students who filed into the Elam Center beginning

more than an hour before the game and going well into the first half.

"Unbelievable. The best crowd in seven years here in the Elam Center. I can't thank the students enough. This was a college basketball atmosphere at its best," Campbell said.

The Skyhawks had to overcome an early deficit thanks to the Golden Eagles' accuracy from three-point range.

The Golden Eagles made their first four three-point attempts but never pulled away as a result of the Skyhawks' offensive execution. The Skyhawks were able to get the most out of their possessions throughout the game, turning the ball over only 11 times in the game. Also contributing to the Skyhawks' cause was their rebounding. McKale Jones grabbed two defensive rebounds to help the Skyhawks score their first basket.

The first half saw the teams battle fiercely for control of the lead. The Golden Eagles claimed their largest lead of the half when Belton Rivers made a three-pointer to put his team ahead by a score of 11-6 less than four

minutes into the game.

The Skyhawks were able to erase that lead through their defensive pressure. Kelly assisted Newson on a three-pointer, then came up with a steal that led to a three-pointer by Zerek Knight.

After falling behind 29-25 with 4:25 left in the half, the Skyhawks reeled off ten unanswered points over a two-minute span for their largest lead of the half. Aaron Ferrell beat the buzzer to end the first half and a 7-2 Golden Eagle run. The Skyhawks' 39-36 advantage at the half was the result of a first-half performance that has become a recent trend.

The first five minutes of the second half echoed the previous 20 minutes as the two teams played to a virtual draw. The Skyhawks crashed the offensive glass, leading to 12 second-chance points in the half.

The Golden Eagles trimmed the lead to a single point at 50-49 with 15:11 remaining in the game, but that was the closest they would come to taking the lead in the second half. A 10-0 run by the Skyhawks pushed their lead to double

digits, causing the crowd to reach its loudest point of the game.

With the crowd pumped up, the visiting team found it difficult to concentrate. On the other hand, the Skyhawks fed off their fans' excitement. They kept their lead above ten points for the majority of the half, with the largest spread being a 13-point cushion, 81-68, with 2:20 remaining in the game.

The final two minutes of the game became even more exciting than usual when the Golden Eagles began to whittle away at the Skyhawks' lead. Two free throws by Milone Clark were followed by a missed layup and turnover by Kelly on the other end.

Keyon Boyd capitalized on the turnover by making a jumper with 1:04 left to pull the Golden Eagles to within eight points. The lead was further reduced to six points after a three pointer with 36 seconds left. That was when the Skyhawks' senior leaders stepped up in a big way.

Newson and Kelly each went to the free throw line

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Skyhawk women fall short against OVC leading Golden Eaglettes

Jose Irvin
Staff Writer

The Skyhawk women lost a heart breaker Thursday evening against the OVC's top ranked Tennessee Tech Eaglettes, 48-41.

Junior forward Deina Willingham put together an all-around outstanding game as she led the Skyhawks with 9 rebounds and a career-high 19 points.

The Skyhawks completely dominated the beginning of the game with great interior defense and patience on offense.

Tennessee Tech made it clear early that they wanted to involve their stand-out senior Emily Christian. Christian ranks fifth among all active Division I players with 2,041 points and ninth in the country in scoring with 20.7 points per night. However, she was unable to convert any of her early opportunities and Martin jumped out to an early 16 - 2 lead at the 8:46 mark in the first half.

Tennessee Tech's coach, Bill Worell, called a time-out and his team responded with a full court press.

The press seemed to cause problems for the Skyhawks as they were forced to use most of the shot clock attempting to break the pressure put on by Tech's four guard line-up.

This led to less ball movement in the half court set, and Martin was forced into several desperation shots at the buzzer and three shot clock violations.

Tennessee Tech guard Meagon Lyons, who had 14 points and 5 rebounds, knocked down a couple of jumpers to spark a run for the Eaglettes to close out the half. Cara Reed came off the bench and added six of her 10 points as Tech finished the half on a 14--6 run.

The Skyhawks led 22-16 at the half as they shot 9-for-24 (37.5%) from the field, compared to Tennessee Tech's 5-for-26 (19.2%).

The second half began pretty much like the first half ended. Tech came out with the press and Martin struggled with three consecutive turnovers to spark a 14-4 run to grab the lead at 30-26 after a jump shot by Emily Christian at the 14:00 mark.

Free throws allowed the Skyhawks to remain in the game before a pair of jumpers and a three pointer from Deina Willingham cut Tech's lead to 37-36 at the 5:07 mark.

Christian responded with a jump shot of her own to put the Eaglettes up 39-36, and Willingham found teammate Kimberly Cox open for only three pointer of the night to tie the game at 39.

Back-to-back baskets by Christian and a pair of free throws by Jana Reece gave Tennessee Tech a 45-39 advantage over the Skyhawks. Willingham managed to hit another jump shot off an assist from Crystal Fuller to cut the lead to four. Martin had a chance to cut the lead to two, but a costly turnover led to another Christian field goal.

Christian couldn't be stopped down the stretch as she scored 10 of her game-high 22 points in the final 5:26 of the game.

UTM dominated the boards as they out rebounded Tech 40-25, including 14 offensive rebounds which led to 11 second chance points. Junior Andrieka

Jackson had a game-high 12 rebounds, including 7 offensive rebounds.

The game was played at an extremely fast pace from beginning to end, but great defense by both teams kept the score close until the end. In fact, the score was tied three times and there were seven lead changes.

Tennessee Tech had a clear advantage with bench points at 10-0, all by Reed. Tech shot 14-for-24 (58.3%) from the field in the second half.

Senior guard Keva Robinson was the only player other than Willingham to score double figures with 10 points as she attempted a career-high nine three pointers.

Westview standout graduate Kendall Cavin, who averages 13.8 points for Tech, came home against UTM for the first time this season and shot 0-for-9 from the field. Only three Tennessee Tech players managed to score a field goal all game.

Coach Tansil was very pleased with her team's effort all night, and she looks for Willingham and Jackson to remain just as aggressive



SPORTS INFORMATION
Junior Andrieka Jackson puts up a shot over the Tech defenders during Thursday night's conference loss.

the rest of the season.

With the loss, UTM falls to 6-14 overall and 4-8 in

the OVC. Tech moves to 15-6 and 11-3 as they continue to stay atop the OVC.

“UNBELIEVABLE!”

—Men's basketball head coach Bret Campbell on Thursday night's crowd

